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SUBJECT: SHORT SUPPLY PROBLEMS

REF STATE 023940

1. GOSL HAS MADE NO RECENT MOVES TO REGULATE OR LIMIT
EXPORT OF BASIC INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS.

2. GOSL HAS, HOWEVER, SINCE 1959 REGULATED EXPORT OF
ITS GEM AND INDUSTRIAL DIAMONDS, RESERVING ONLY EXPORT
LICENSE FOR GOVERNMENT DIAMOND OFFICE. GDO HAE BEN
MANAGED BY DICORWAF WHICH IS IN TURN PART OF DE BEERS
CENTRAL SELLING ORGANIZATION WHICH HANDLES SALE OF 80
PERCENT WORLD'S DIAMONDS. BY MANAGING SUPPLY, GSO HAS KEPT
WORLD DIAMOND PRICES HIGHER AND MORE STABLE THAN THEY WOULD
HAVE BEEN IN COMPETITIVE MARKET. BY WORKING WITH DE BEERS,
GOSL HAS BEEN ABLE ASSURE A STABLE PRICE FOR DIAMOND
DIGGERS AND SUBSTANTIAL EXPORT TAX REVENUE FOR ITSELF.
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